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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) and MPEP 609 for foreign language documents, Applicants note that JP 56-65146, JP 5-44032, JP 4-337741, and JP 10-36490 are discussed on page 3 of the specification, and corresponding English language abstracts thereof are also enclosed herewith.

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) and MPEP 609 for foreign language documents, Applicants note that JP 2001-312093, JP 2000-250264, JP 63-108358, JP 10-90938, and JP 2000-214638 were cited in the International Search Report. Furthermore, corresponding English language abstracts thereof are enclosed herewith.

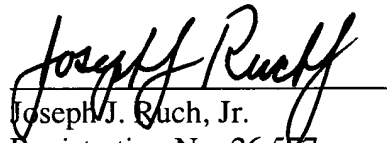
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